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Project Location: US Highway 50 right of way from Stockton Blvd. to Howe Ave.; also from Watt Ave. to Hazel Ave. (excluding Sunrise Blvd.).

Co/Rte/KP/PM: Sacramento Co./US 50/btwn. KP 0.94 and KP 25.34/btwn. PM R0.59 and PM 15.75

PPNO: 6210

Project Description: Proposal to plant native or climatically appropriate trees within Caltrans District 3 right of way. Planting would focus on unlandscaped interchanges and roadsides that exist within heavily urbanized areas, areas designated as 'landscaped' that are in decline, or areas outside of current highway planting.

Project Scope: preparation of ground; planting; plant protection; traffic management; and, ensuring plant establishment.

Existing Funding: IIP: \$710,000

RIP: \$0 Other: \$0

Future Funding Need: \$0

Total Estimated Cost: \$710,000

Project Schedule: Completed by December 2006

PROJECT INFORMATION

Purpose & Need for the Project:

Project Need: Unlandscaped interchanges and roadsides within heavily urbanized areas, areas designated as 'landscaped' that are in decline, and areas outside of current highway planting require new native or climatically appropriate trees.

Project Purpose: Native or climatically appropriate trees will be planted along unlandscaped interchanges and roadsides that exist within heavily urbanized areas, areas designated as 'landscaped' that are in decline, or areas outside of current highway planting. Temporary watering and mulching will be provided to sufficiently establish trees. Trees will be planted in the fall to

take advantage of the rainy season and reduce the amount of watering required. Plant protection measures, such as plant cages, weed mats, and grow tubes may be included as appropriate. A one-year plant establishment period is a part of the project. Plantings will be self-sufficient at the end of the establishment period.